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SUBJECT: USG ACCOUNT IN ICEM LOAN FUND: ASSISTANCE TO EX-USSR REFUGEES RESETTLED BY HIAS

REFS: GENEVA 3200; STATE 093481

1. FURTHER STUDY OF APPROACH TO BE USED IN MAKING ICEM BAGGAGE LOANS TO HIAS, HAS LED TO FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

A. PLAN MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH LOAN FUND CONCEPT AND PURPOSES;

B. PLAN MUST TAKE INTO FULL ACCOUNT FUTURE FUNDING UNCERTAINTY RE MAINTAINING LOAN FUND NO. 3 FOR USE BY EX-USSR REFUGEES NOT RESETTLING IN ISRAEL.

2. MISSION PROPOSAL (A) MEETS FIRST CRITERIA; MISSION PROPOSAL (B) MEETS SECOND CRITERIA. NEITHER PROPOSAL MEETS BOTH.

3. RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE:
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A. BAGGAGE LOAN WOULD BE FULL 250 DOLLARS;

B. HIAS WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY FEE FOR COLLECTION OF

BAGGAGE LOANS. NOTE: HIAS AND OTHER VOLAGS WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE 25 PERCENT FOR COLLECTION OF TRANSPORTATION LOANS.

4. ASSUMING HIAS COLLECTION RATE OF 72 PERCENT, COST TO USG OF EACH PROPOSAL WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS FOR 6,000 REFUGEES:

MISSION PROPOSAL A MISSION PROPOSAL B D/HA PROPOSAL A

0.72 X 1,500,000----- 6,000 X 100 ------ 0.72 X 1,500,000

EQUALS 1,080,000 ---- EQUALS 600,000----- EQUALS 1,080,000

1,080,000 X 0.75

EQUALS 810,000

COST: 690,000 --------COST: 690,000 ------COST: 420,000
DOLLARS ---------- DOLLARS ---------- DOLLARS

6. WE BELIEVE NOT PAYING A FEE FOR COLLECTION OF BAGGAGE LOANS IS JUSTIFIED SINCE VOLAG OVERHEAD COSTS OF COLLECTING FROM AN INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE FOR BOTH TRANSPORTATION AND BAGGAGE IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS COLLECTING FOR TRANSPORTATION ONLY. ROBINSON

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